

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Various methods of managing ideas include different combinations of following steps: (a) maintaining a computer database for accumulating ideas for prospectively patentable inventions, wherein said ideas include needs and requirements of said inventions; (b) systematically establishing contractual obligations by contributors of said ideas to the database to transfer property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas, wherein said transfer is for contingent economic gain; (c) providing contingent contractual rights to at least some inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas; (d) enabling receipt of contributions of said ideas for prospective entry into said database; (e) systematically establishing contractual obligations by contributors of said ideas to said database to transfer property rights to inventions derived at least in part from said accumulated ideas to transferees other than contributors of ideas from which said invention was at least in part derived.

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